MUZRAI SECRETARIAT.

1904-05

File No. 149

SUBJECT.

Estimate of the probable cost of the ceremonies connected with the consecration of Sri Saradamba in the Sri Sivaganga Matt at Sivaganga in the Melamangala Taluk.

Connected Letter References

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Urgent

Submitted to the Dewan

The accompanying D. O. letter was received by me a few days back from Mr. P. Raghavendra Rao, B.A.B.L., Assistant Private Secretary to H.H. the Maharaja making certain enquiries regarding the Sri Sivaganga Matt in connection with the Swamigalu's proposal to consecrate Sri Saradamma at Sivaganga.

I have put up for the Dewan's information a D.O. reply, signed by me, addressed to Mr. Raghavendra Rao, together with an office note forming an enclosure to it. If they are approved of, I respectfully beg that they may be ordered to be sent to Mr. Raghvendra Rao direct at Gotecamund.

Bangalore,
12th May 1905.

K Ananta Lakshmi Rao

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GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Seringapatam
20. 5. '05

Sir, dear Sir. Amildar and Attorney Rao
The bearer Comaiah
gave me the following the
Sivaganga Swamy's request
for money to install the Vigraha
of Saradamba to contain
more information than
is really needed. It may
be shortened by confining

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yourself as to whether money can be spared for the purpose or not.

Yours sincerely
K. Ramakrishna Rao

Dear Mr. Ramakrishnayya Rao

I return the note which has been approved by the Diwan Sahib

Yours sincerely
K. Ramakrishna Rao

Rec'd 22-5-05 (night) 22.5.05
Reply sent to Mr. P. Raghavendra Rao
on 23/5/05 GH

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A revised and shorter Note was, as per orders of the Dewan, forwarded to Wm P Raghavendra Rao on 23d May 1905

That Officer's DO perhly dated 26th instant is herewith subd for perusal.

A draft Vijnapana Patrike to the Swamiji* calling for a careful estimate of the cost, is subd for approval.

I shall communicate to Wm Raghavendra Rao the action taken.

T Ananta Saran Rao
29/5/05

* He is now at Sringeri

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Subd to the Dewan

Drafts all right
and 30.V.05.

31/5/05

Submitted to the Dewan

I beg to submit for approval the accompanying draft of a D. O. letter which I intend sending to Mr. P. Raghavendra Rao, Assistant Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja, in reply to his communication of the 26th ultimo, relative to the consecration of Sri Saradamba in the Matt at Sivaganga.

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The File of previous papers is before the Dewan.

Ananta Sama Rao
16/6/05

The Dewan has approved of the terms of the draft D.O. (vide his Orders dated 4th inst on another Office Note) Let issue accordingly RR 6/9/05

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PRIVATE SECRETARY MYSORE

D O 322

From Hill.

Oblg. 18th Apr 05

Dear Mr Anantaswami Rao

On the occasion of his last visit to Mysore, the Shivaganga Swamy appears to have approached His Highness with a request re the consecration of a temple dedicated to Sree Sharadamba, at Shivaganga. From enquiries made thro the Palace officer, it appears that the temple is built, except that the block of marble from which the image is to be chiselled, is ready and that further work has ceased awaiting [illegible] of funds. The [illegible] request [illegible]

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Hon. H. Bruce.

ceremony
and the consecration, - which
in Kiev has 27 to 30 days - is calculated
at Peipus seven thousand approximately.
Before making up his mind in the
matter finally Postmaster desires me
to write and ascertain your views on
the points noted below. They are (1)
Are there any points - as I assume -
otherwise. (2) The cost of this wish to you
how much it so are they available
and to what extent? (3) The facility
as to transmission? (4) Is it safe, so that you
will [illegible] let me have information exactly to
what your views in regard to points noted
at your service can mean [illegible].

D O

Issued on 23/5/05

Bangalore
23/5/05

To

P. Raghavendra Rao Esqr
B.A., B.L.
Asstt Private Secretary
to H. H. the Maharaja
Jam Hill,
Ooty.

Dear Mr. Raghavendra Rao,

In reply to your D O. letter No 322, dated the 28th Ultimo, regarding the proposal of the Sivaganga Swamigalu to consecrate Sri Saradamba at Sivaganga, I beg to enclose a Memorandum which I hope will be found to contain all the information required.

Hoping you are well,

I remain,
Yours very sincerely
[illegible]
12/5/05

(Not forwarded to G. O.)

Memorandum.

The Sri Sivaganga Matt.

The lands and other endowments of the Sivaganga Matt have been under the management of Government in the Muzrai Department from the year 1893. They had to be taken up by Government in consequence of mismanagement by the Matt authorities and the heavy debts they had incurred. Under Government management, the Matt's affairs were put into order and the debts paid up, and after incurring the Matt's ordinary expenditure and paying Rs 9,200 towards the expenses of the Guru's tour in Northern India, the Government were able to show a balance of Rs 28,683-4-4 on 1st January 1905. Out of this amount, Rs 15,000 are in Government Securities.

2. The Swami returned last year from a long tour of several years which he had made in Northern India. On his expressing a desire to remain here and look after the affairs of the Matt himself, the Government, in consideration of the reputation which he had obtained for learning and for rectitude of conduct,

pleased to sanction Rs70 per mensem for the Establishment of a Sanskrit School in the Matt. The school has been actually started with about 20 pupils and is in good working order under the personal supervision of the Swami who takes great interest not only in the education but in the personal comforts of the students.

5. The Guru having asked for the thorough repair of the existing old Matt which is damp and insanitary, the Government have been pleased, after personal inspection and report by me, to sanction an estimate for Rs2,532-12-10 for the work.

6. He further asked for the construction of a new Matt building in a more healthy locality so as to secure additional accommodation for Matt purposes and for the new Sanskrit School and for holding public meetings, besides providing a secluded place for his tapas or meditation. The Government have, in their Proceedings referred to above, approved of the construction of a new structure and have directed the needful preliminary steps to be taken such as the selection of a site and the preparation of a plan and estimate. Fortunately, an extensive plot of high lying land has been found not far from the present Matt building,

which is quite suited for the purpose in view, and I am in correspondence with the local Officers for particulars as to the land and the cost of its acquisition. No estimate has yet been prepared for the proposed building, but, roughly speaking, the cost may be put down at about Rs25,000.

7. It may be mentioned here that during my visit to Sivaganga in March last, I found that one of the verandahs or corridors surrounding the stone faced pond known as the Agastya Theertha belonging to the Natt, has been seriously damaged by the action of the roots of a large Aswatha or Peepul tree growing there. As the tree itself cannot be removed owing to the sanctity which is attributed to it, the affected portions of the verandah will have to be removed and the needful repairs effected. This work, which is of an urgent nature and for which an estimate will now be called for, will probably cost Rs2,000.

8. Besides the items of expenditure mentioned above, it has to be stated that a sum of Rs5,000 has been very recently sanctioned from Natt funds to meet the expenditure incurred by the Swamigalavaru during his visit to the Mysore City, where he met H.H. the

Maharaja.

Maharaja. In communicating this sanction, the Swami was requested to be more careful in his expenditure in future.

9. Thus, out of the saving of Rs 28,683-4-4 referred to in para 1 above, sums aggregating Rs 9,532-12-10 have to be deducted as shown in the margin. There will thus be a balance of Rs 19,150-7-6 which will go towards the construction of the proposed new Matt building.

Repair of old Matt.	Rs 2,532-12-10.
Expenditure in Mysore City....	,, 5,000- 0- 0.
Repair of Agastya Theertha, about	,, 2,000- 0- 0.
Total	Rs 9,532-12-10.

10. The consecration of Sri Saradamba at Sivaganga is one of the measures which the Swamigalavaru is very anxious to carry out. He has not made any official request to Government in this behalf, but he spoke to me on the subject when I was at Sivaganga in March last. Although the Sivaganga Matt is known to be a "Sarada Peetha", still there is no temple or image of Saradamba in the Matt, the idol which is worshipped being that of Chamundeswari personifying Sakti. A separate Vigraha of Saradamba is stated to be in existence in the Matt at Sringeri in the Kadur District. In the Matt at Sivaganga, stone idols of Ganapati

Prasanna Gangadhareswara, Prasanna Parvati Ammanavaru and Panduranga Vitthala Swami have been consecrated in separate rooms and they are daily worshipped in due form. The desire of the Swami to consecrate Saradamba also is a laudable one and seems deserving of encouragement. For carrying out this purpose, there is already in existence a separate temple-like building, about 10 feet square, with a well built dome, in the angala or courtyard of the Matt, very near the place where the other idols are consecrated. The structure is stated to have been built many years ago, but it is very strong and appears to be well suited for the consecration now proposed. The Swami has brought from Northern India a large slab of white marble, out of which he proposes to have a good figure of Sri Saradamba chiselled by the sculptors now employed on the Palace works. The cost of making the image will probably not exceed Rs. 500. I have seen the stone and it seems suited for the purpose intended.

11. The temple and the image being available without much cost, the only point for consideration is the cost of the Pratishta or consecration ceremonies. I learn from enquiries privately made that about

50 Brahmins have to recite Japams for a period of a Mandalam or about 48 days so as to sanctify the Yantra and the image, that certain religious ceremonies should be performed after the Japams are over, and that large numbers of Brahmins should be fed for 3 or 4 days and given appropriate Dakshiné. Rewards in cloth and in cash will also have to be given to the Brahmins who take part in the ceremonies. Considering the numbers that will flock to Sivaganga on the occasion, and the high prices now prevailing, it is my humble opinion that the cost will certainly come up to the sum of Rs 7,000 (seven thousand), the figure mentioned in the Assistant Private Secretary's D.O. letter under reply. It is not known whether that figure represents the Swami's own estimate of the cost. The Swami is now probably at Chikmaglur on his way to Sringeri to visit the Swamigalu of the Sri Sringeri Matt.

11. It will be seen from the financial result shown in para 9 above that a sum of Rs 19,000 odd is now available in favor of the Matt, and if the probable saving from the estate, of about Rs 1,000 relating to the current official year be added, there will be a balance of about Rs 20,000 available on 1st July 1905. This sum,

and perhaps more, would be required for the construction of the proposed new Matt building at Sivaganga which appears to be an urgent requirement. If that work is taken up, no money will be available from Matt funds for the proposed consecration of Sri Saradamba at Sivaganga.

Bangalore
12/5/05

S Ramakrishna Rao
Secty, Mutt Affairs Deptt.

Read by the Diwan on 22/5/05

Note.

Proposed consecration of Sri Saradamba in the Mutt at Sivagunga.

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D.O. letter dated the 28th April 1905 from Mr. P. Raghavendra Rao B.A. B.L. Assistant Private Secretary to H.H. the Maharaja.

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Point No. 1.

Are there any funds -as savings or otherwise- to the credit of this institution, and if so, are they available, and to what extent ?

Printed copy herewith submitted.

The annual income from the land endowments of the Sivagunga Matt, which are under Government management, is Rs.8,000 on the average. The annual expenditure, as recently revised by Government in their Proceedings (Muzrai) No. 1860-1/Muz. F 36-93 dated 27th November 1904, amounts to Rs.6,878-8-1 leaving a balance of Rs. 1,121-7-11 per annum as savings.

2. The accumulated savings of past years at the credit of the Matt on 1st January 1905 was Rs.28,683-4-4, a portion of that amount, viz., Rs.15,000 being in Government Securities. Subsequent to

to 1st January last, a sum of Rupees 2,532-12-10 was sanctioned for repairs to the old Matt building at Sivagunga, and another sum of ₹5,000 for the expenses connected with the Swami's recent visit to Mysore, thus reducing the savings to ₹21,150-7-6. Further, the construction of another building in a healthy locality to provide much needed additional accommodation for the Guru has already received the approval of the Government in the proceedings referred to above, and a plan and estimate therefor are under preparation. The cost will probably come up to about ₹20,000. During my inspection in March last, I found a portion of the Mantaps surrounding the sacred stone-faced pond called "Agastya Theertha" in urgent need of repair. The work will probably cost ₹2,000. Thus, it will be seen that no money is available from the funds of the Matt for the proposed consecration of

of Sri Saradamba at Sivagunga.

Point No. 2.

Are facts exactly as represented ?

Yes. There is already a temple like building constructed in former days, situated in the courtyard of the Matt. It is in good condition and seems quite suitable for the consecration proposed. The Swamigalu has brought from Northern India a large slab of white marble for chiselling out therefrom a figure of Sri Saradamba. It seems suited for the purpose required.

Point No. 3.

"I shall be obliged if you will kindly let me have the information asked for with your views in regard to the points noted."

Although the Sivagunga Matt is a "Sarada Peetha" there is actually no image of Sri Saradamba in the Matt. What is now worshipped is Sri Chamundeshwari. The consecration of Sri Saradamba seems, therefore, to be an appropriate measure.

12/5/05

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Read 29/5/05 Ltr

D.O 359

PRIVATE SECRETARY MYSORE

Fern Hill, Ooty
26th May 1905.

Hon'ble M. Anantaswamy Rao.

Many thanks for your D.O. of th 23rd giving cove to note re proposed Consecration of Sri Sharadamba in th Mutt at Sivagunga. I had the pleasure of submitting it, yester day, to His Highness, who was very pleased with it and remarke that it was just what he wished to have! Now that no funds belonging to the mutt are available but the proposal is one to which you are agreeable as the head of the Muzrai Department, His Highnes would like you to kindly have an approxima estimate of the cost of the ceremony under all heads, to be made-preferably with the knowledge of the Swamigalu-and submitted early for his information before issue of final order in the matter. If you conveniently bring this along with you

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to Mysore next for His Highness' birthday & let me have it,

it would be the best possible thing to do.

Trusting you are keeping very well,

Yours very sincerely

No. 4492

Dt 31.5.05

Sent by Regd

Sent to Kumari

31/5/05.

To

The Secretary

Sir

Sub:

Ref:

I am

Thanking you

Yours faithfully

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29/5/05

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9/6/05

Rec'd & submitted
at once
9/6/05

Get a translation of this & of the enclosure to be made & shut to me to-morrow

9/6/05

శ్రీమత్పరమహంసపరివ్రాజకాచార్యవర్య పదవాక్యప్రమాణపారావారపారీణ యమనియమాసన ప్రాణాయామ ప్రత్యాహార ధ్యానధారణ సమాధ్యష్టాంగ యోగానుష్ఠానసిద్ధాగరిష్ఠ తపశ్చక్రవర్త్యనాద్యవిచ్ఛిన్న గురుపరంపరాప్రాప్త షడ్దర్శన స్థాపనాచార్య వ్యాఖ్యానసింహాసనాధీశ్వర సకలవేదార్థ ప్రకాశక సాంఖ్యత్రయీ ప్రతిపాలక సకలనిగమాగమసారహృదయ వైదికమార్గ ప్రవర్తక సర్వతంత్ర స్వతంత్రాది రాజధానీ శ్రీమద్విద్యానగర మహారాజధానీ కర్ణాటక సింహాసన ప్రతిష్ఠాపనాచార్య శ్రీమద్రాజాధి రాజగురుభూమండలాచార్య తుంగభద్రాతీరవాస ఋశ్యశృంగపురవరాధీశ్వర శ్రీశృంగేరిశ్రీమద్విద్యాశంకరపాదపద్మారాధక శ్రీశృంగేరి శ్రీశివగంగా శ్రీగంగాధరభారతీస్వామినాం కరకమల సంజాత శ్రీశృంగేరిశ్రీశివగంగా శ్రీసుబ్రహ్మణ్యాభినవసచ్చిదానందభారతీస్వామిభిః—

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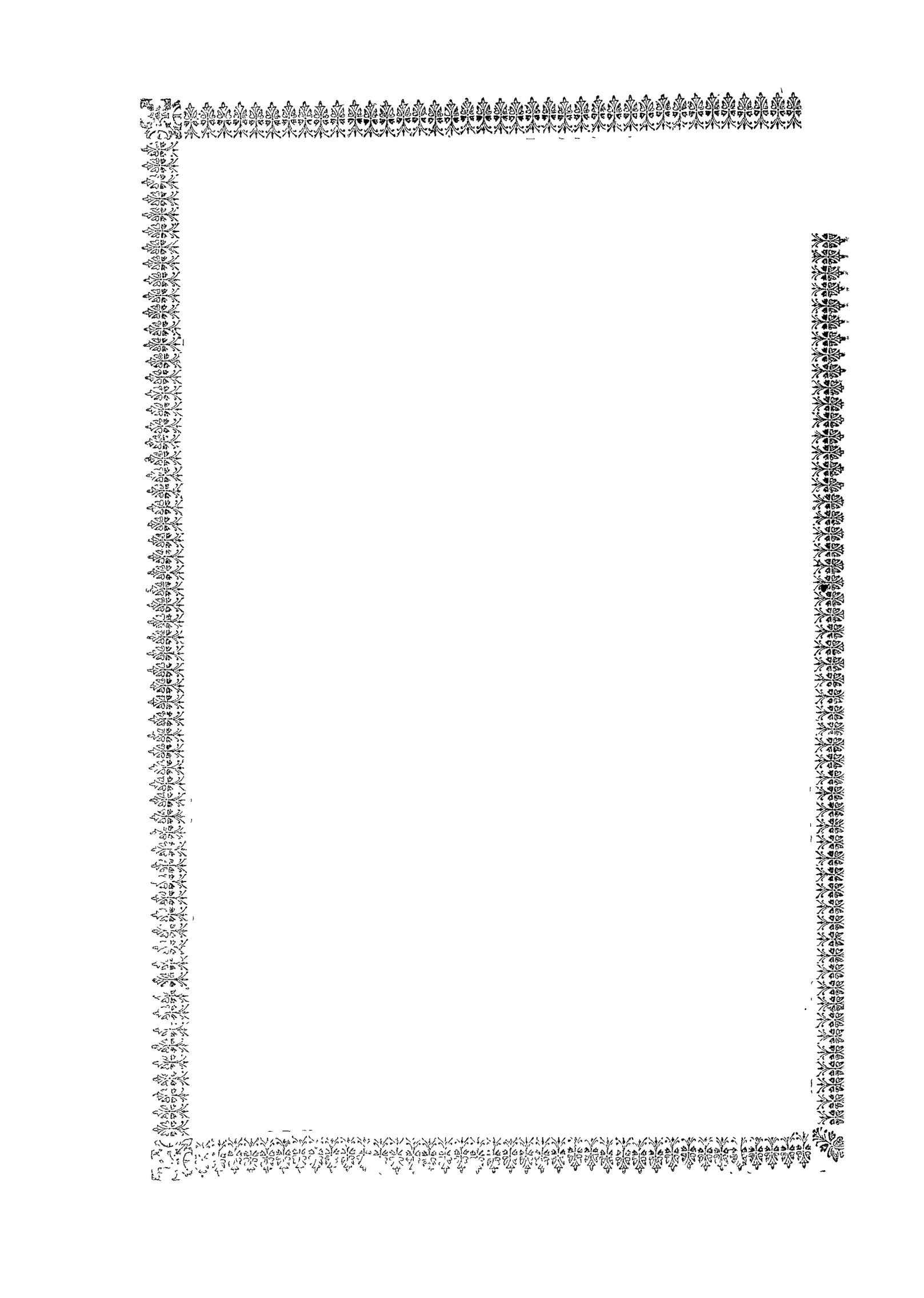

Bangalore
~~Camp Mysore.~~
7th Sept~~June~~ 1905

Dear Mr. Raghavendra Rao

As desired in your D. O. letter No. 359 dated the 26th ~~ultimo~~ May last, I beg to enclose an English translation of a Srimukha received from the Sri Swamigalu of the Sivaganga Matt together with an Estimate of the probable cost of the religious ceremonies connected with the proposed consecration of Sri Saradamba in the Matt at Sivaganga. The Swami's Estimate which amounts to Rs. 7500/- appears to be a fair one considering the dignity of the Matt and the large number of Brahmirs that will have to be fed and presented with cloths, dakshine &c, on the occasion.

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

Dft
6/9/05

Dft by the Dewan (vide Orders on the Office Note). YR

Copies of the Enclosures have to be kept in the File for future reference YR 6/9/05

Translation of the Kannada Sree-mukha No. 221 dated 7th June 1905; from the Swamigal avaru of the Sivaganga Mutt to the address of the Mysore Secretary.

We were happy to receive your kind letter No. 4492 dated 31st May 1905; at Srungeri camp. It is our intention to have the consecration ceremonies of Sree Saradamba in our Mutt at Swaganga, during the ensuing Magha, which falls in Uttarayana and which is auspicious for such ceremonies. The particular day will be fixed and duly intimated to you.

As desired in your letter, we have herewith forwarded an estimate, showing the details of expenditure to be incurred for the consecration

ceremonies which has been prepared consistantly with the dignity of the Mahā and which includes only the necessary items of expenditure, according to Shastras. From the remarks noted in the list explaining the necessity for each item of expenditure, it may be observed that the proposed expenditure cannot possibly be reduced in any way.

As you are yourself taking much interest and helping the Institution in all respects, it is unnecessary for us to say much in this respect.

A white marble stone for the purpose of preparing the Vigrahas of Sarvadambā has been brought from Jayapura and Kept at Sivaganga. It is our desire that you will

Kindly have this Mg
by the Sculptors, wt
from Northern India.

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Sahitialankara Bharti
Sevaiur

Translation
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Private Secretary,
Mysore Department

I have since heard that the Sculptors
on the Sivaniyalu Hill the intends
constructing the image in the month
of Augusia (December 1905)

(Initialled) L. A.
7/9/05

Estimated cost of the expenditure to be incurred in connection with the consecration ceremonies of Sree Sarvadamba in the Sivaganga mutt at Sivaganga ———

No	Items	Amount	Remarks.
1.	For preparation of Annamayavarahigrahas	2000.	Rs. 300/- for the preparation of Vigraha and Rs 100/- for Bhadrapeeta and Kamala to be made of a separate stone
2.	For Gold, Silver, copper & brass vessels of or Kalasams &c and for Silk and cotton cloths and for provisions &c required for the Consecration ceremonies	1200.	Several small items are included under this head It is not therefore possible to estimate the exact cost beforehand The amount may perhaps be exceeded a little.
3.	Dakshina to Rutviks for 24 days for repeating Mahamantras and for Santi Parayanas	1320	These mahamantras &c have to be repeated for 24 days and then the Consecration ceremonies continues for 8 days
4.	Cloths to be given to Rutviks and Acharyas for Madhuparka	300	Inclusive of Acharyas and Rutviks the number will be about 60.
5.	For 16 Mahadanams.	260	These Danams are part and parcel of the consecration ceremonies and are therefore necessary items
6	Expenses of feeding Jaha Brahmins and outsiders for 24 days at Rs 30/- a day	720	This estimated amount is for feeding the outside Brahmins and those that are allowed to repeat Mahamantras and Japams and perform Homams &c for 24 days with a view to concentrate the powers &c.

No.	Items.	Amount	Remarks.
7	For Sambhavana for 5 days at 360 Rs per day	1800-0.	As the consecration ceremonies have to continue for 5 days the Sanctorum wherein is the 1st Idol, should be conducted for these 5 days. The estimate under this head may be exceeded if Brahmins from outside come in large numbers. The exact amount required cannot therefore be estimated beforehand
8.	For Dakshina.	1000	The rates of Dakshina range from 2 annas to one Rupee.
9.	Sambhavana to Pandits that may come from all parts of India	500	It is necessary to give some Sambhavana at least to the Vidwans consistently with the dignity of the matter This point is however, left to you to be decided as may be thought proper
10.	Pandals for Yaga-sala and accommodation etc for outsiders have to be arranged for		
	Total Rs	7500-0-0.	

Dated 7th June 08 Sd) - Subramanyabhinava Sachidananda Bharati Swamy.

"Translation"

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Office of the Secretary to Government

Revenue Department

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No. 115

The Palace, Mysore,

9th September 1905.
14th

Dear Mr. Anantasami Rao,

Many thanks for your letter of the 7th instant with memo enclosed re the consecration of Sree Sharadamba in the Muth at Shivarunga, which I have submitted to H.H. the Maharaja.

Yours very Sincerely,

Nagharaja

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